





2003 News Quiz

How closely were you paying attention during the past 12 months?

Section I: Local

1. Which area military community announced an installation closure in 2003?
a) Stuttgart b) Garmisch c) Bad Aibling d) Oberammergau

2. What is Democrat presidential candidate Wesley Clark's connection to Stuttgart?
a) Former SOCEUR commander c) Former DISA commander
b) Former EUCOM commander d) Former 6th ASG commander

3. Match the following officials (all of whom visited the area in 2003) with their titles:
a)  b)  c)  d) 

i. Secretary of Defense iii. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
ii. Deputy Secretary of Defense iv. Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

4. Which area organization did not get a new commander in 2003?
a) EUCOM b) SOCEUR c) 6th ASG d) USAREUR

5. A massive renovation is underway on the bowling center on which area installation?
a) Patch Barracks c) Artillery Kaserne
b) Robinson Barracks d) Panzer Kaserne

6. Garmisch's George C. Marshall Center celebrated its ____ anniversary in 2003.
a) 5th b) 10th c) 20th d) 25th

7. Which area organization celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2003?
a) U.S. European Command c) Marine Corps Forces, Europe
b) The NATO School d) Defense Information Systems Agency, Europe


8. A memorial to veterans of which war was dedicated in Stuttgart in 2003?
a) W.W. II b) Korea c) Vietnam d) Gulf War

9. The new AFRC hotel and resort in Garmisch will be named ...
a) Edelweiss b) Tannenbaum c) Garmisch Haus d) George C. Marshall Inn

10. (T/F) Bad Aibling, Garmisch, Oberammergau and Stuttgart are all part of the 6th Area Support Group.

** Bonus: Who did Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris replace as 6th ASG commander?*

Section II: National

1. Democrat presidential candidate Howard Dean is a former governor of:
a) Vermont b) Massachusetts c) Maine d) New Hampshire
2. Basketball star Kobe Bryant has been accused of committing a crime in which state?
a) California b) Nevada c) Colorado d) New York
3. Identify the following Democrat presidential candidates:
a)  b)  c)  d) 
- i. Howard Dean ii. Dick Gephardt iii. John Kerry iv. Joe Lieberman
4. The winner of the 2003 Academy Award for Best Picture was _____.
a) Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers c) Moulin Rouge
b) A Beautiful Mind d) Chicago
5. Sandra Diaz-Twine, winner of 2003's *Survivor: Pearl Island*, is employed by _____.
a) AAFES b) G.E. c) IBM d) NATO
6. Published in 2003, the acclaimed memoir *Jarhead* recounts author Anthony Swofford's experiences as a Marine in _____.
a) Vietnam b) World War II c) Gulf War d) Somalia
7. Disgraced journalist Jayson Blair was discovered to have lied in stories he wrote for _____.
a) New York Times c) Washington Post
b) Wall Street Journal d) USA Today
8. Which beloved cartoon character recently reappeared in a new Sunday-only strip?
a) Calvin b) Pogo c) Opus d) Charlie Brown
9. Roy Moore, chief justice of the supreme court of _____, was removed from office for ignoring a U.S. Supreme Court decision to remove a sculpture of the Ten Commandments.
a) Alabama b) Arkansas c) Florida d) Louisiana
10. (T/F) "Beltway snipers" John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo have both been sentenced to death for their infamous crime spree.
- * Bonus: Who did Arnold Schwarzenegger replace as governor of California?*

Section III: International

1. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ____ anniversary of his papacy in 2003.
a) 15th b) 20th c) 25th d) 30th
2. Queen Elizabeth II of England celebrated the ____ anniversary of her ascension to the throne in 2003.
a) 25th b) 50th c) 75th d) 100th
3. Identify each of the following world leaders:
a)  b)  c)  d) 
- i. British Prime Minister Tony Blair iii. Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi
ii. Russian President Vladimir Putin iv. German President Gerhard Schroeder
4. Saddam Hussein was captured near his ancestral homeland of _____.
a) Tikrit b) Kirkuk c) Umm Qasr d) Kandahar
5. German basketball star Dirk Nowitzki plays for which NBA team?
a) N.Y. Knicks b) L.A. Lakers c) N.J. Nets d) Dallas Mavericks
6. Terrorism concerns prompted the cancellation of Christmas Eve flights between which two cities?
a) New York to London c) Moscow to Beijing
b) Mexico City to Vancouver d) Paris to Los Angeles
7. To promote tourism in the wake of the SARS epidemic, the Rolling Stones headlined a benefit concert some termed "SARStock" in _____.
a) Beijing b) London c) Seoul d) Toronto
8. The president of Afghanistan is _____.
a) Hamid Karzai b) Kofi Annan c) Adnan Chalabi d) Zacharias Moussaoui
9. The crew of the doomed space shuttle Columbia included a(n) ____ astronaut.
a) Russian b) Israeli c) Chinese d) Iranian
10. (T/F) The American Soldier was named Newsweek's 2003 "Person of the Year."
- * Bonus: Who was Jaap de Hoop Scheffer selected to replace as Secretary General of NATO?*

Section I Answers

1: c 4: d 6: b 8: b
2: b 5: d 7: b 9: a
3: a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-1 10: T

Section II Answers

1: a 4: d 6: c 8: c
2: c 5: a 7: a 9: a
3: a-iv, b-ii, c-1, d-iii 10: F

Section III Answers

1: c 4: a 6: d 8: a
2: b 5: d 7: d 9: b
3: a-ii, b-1, c-iii, d-iv 10: F

Bonus Answers

I: Col. Larry Subbitt
II: Gray Davis
III: Lord George Robertson

Score

30-33: Nothing got by you in 2003!
25-29: Nice job - and room to improve in 2004.

25 & below: Did you read a paper last year?